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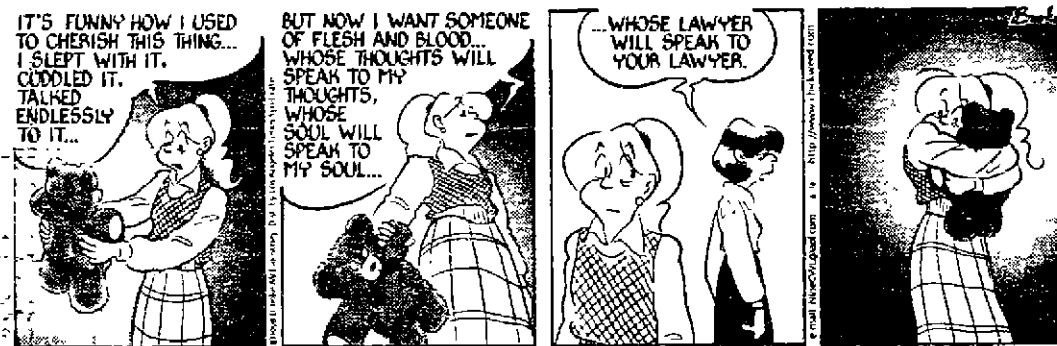
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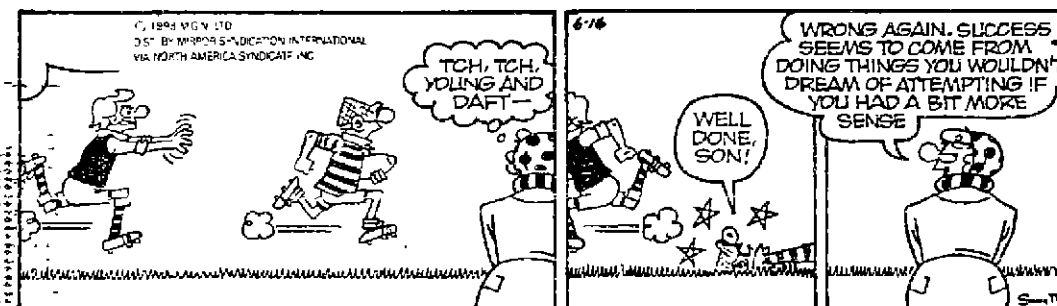
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



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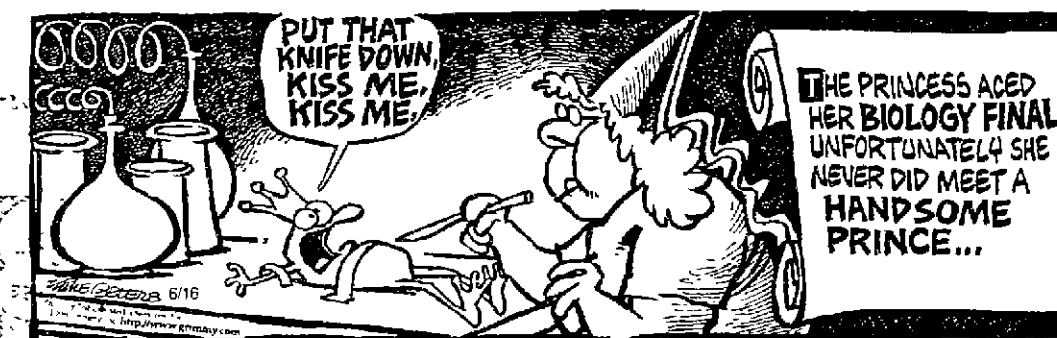
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



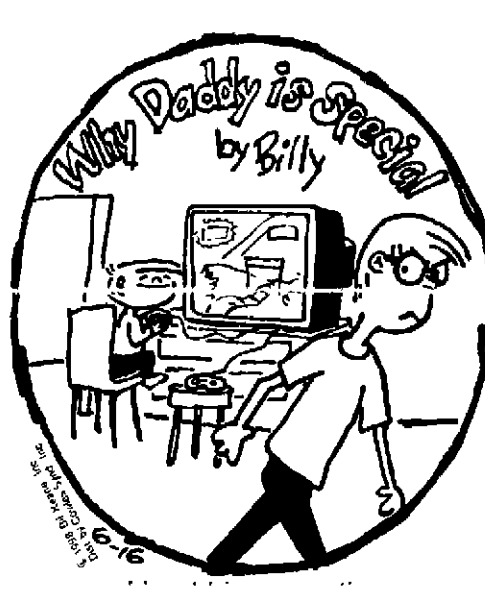
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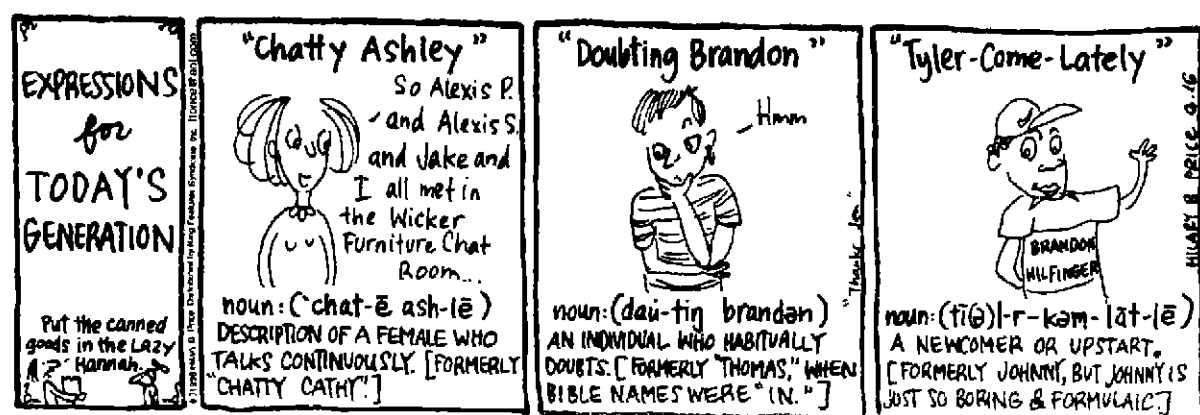
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former Washington Post Co. Chairman Katharine Graham is 81. Author Erich Segal is 61. Author Joyce Carol Oates is 60. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Levert is 56. Actress Joan Van Ark is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer James Smith (The Stylistics) is 48. Boxer Roberto Duran is 47. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 46. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 43. Model-actress Jenny Shimizu is 31.

I NEED HELP



Richard Simmons goes to therapy.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 90-100
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-15-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

1st Letter Double
2nd Letter Double
3rd Letter Triple
4th Letter Triple

RACK 1: C, R, D, P, A, O, I
RACK 2: E, I, L, H, D, N, G
RACK 3: N, P, S, I, O, E, R
RACK 4: N, T, G, E, E, I, S

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Shoe parts

S Z V S P L I E B Y V R O L I
F S P A R T S T O O B C Z W T
Q N K I F C H Z W U C R P M J
H E C Z X U O S Q O N I L J G
E C Z X V T E R L T N P L N L
J H E C A U L L Y S E E W V T
R P N L G K A I O G S L E C B
Z X W N T R C L U S H K E F S
R K O O H E L A P T C E Y O
M T E L G A L T F I L U R J E
I G E D B A Y X W U C B O A T

Monday's unlisted clue: TOPSOIL
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: Pull Yourself Up By The —
Aglet Arch Buckle Collar Cuff Eyelet Heel Hook Insole Lift Outsole Shoelace Tassel Toe Tongue

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

East was happy to score a spade ruff at trick two. But his happiness was short-lived. After his ruff gave South his "impossible" game, East found a vacuum reason for West to have altered his defense. He said nothing about what he himself might have done. It would have been a cinch to make a no-trump game, but the minor-suit game was another matter. At five clubs, with dummy's spade entry knocked out, how was South to avoid losing two spades and a heart? Seeing one ray of hope, South ducked West's spade king with full knowledge that East had a singleton. West continued with his queen to dummy's ace, and East ruffed eagerly. East shifted to his heart king, but it didn't help. South took his ace, cashed the top diamonds, and ruffed a diamond high to set up dummy's suit. And when the ace and king of trumps exhausted trumps, dummy's diamonds took care of South's major-suit losers. "My spade deuce asked for a shift," claimed East. "Nonsense," replied West. "I knew it was a singleton when South ducked dummy's ace. Besides, what good would a shift do? South would win, draw trumps and establish diamonds. Then the spade ace would give him the vital entry to cash dummy's diamonds." How can the defense prevail? When dummy covers West's spade queen, East must refuse to ruff East's third trump denies South an entry to dummy's diamonds, and South must lose three major-suit tricks — more if he tries the diamond finesse.

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding
South West North East
1♣ 2♣ 3♣ Pass
4♣ Pass 5♣ All pass
*weak jump overcall

Opening lead: Spade king

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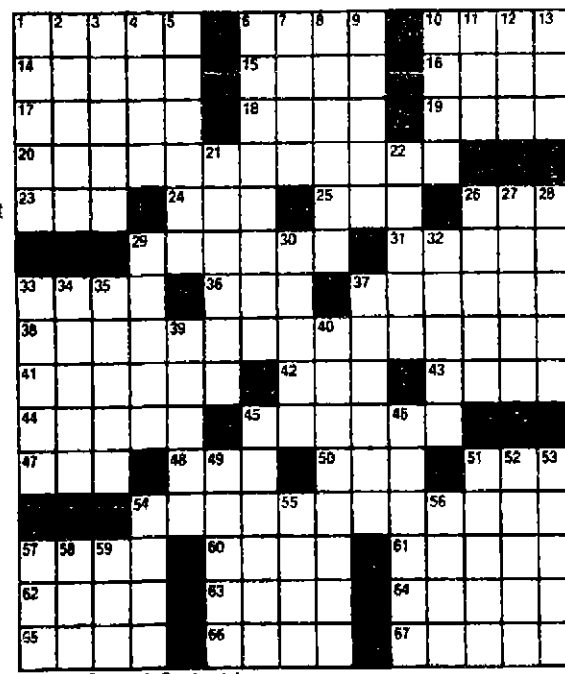
- 1 May honorees
8 A to Z
10 Notability
13 Nimble
15 — avis
16 Designer Cassini
17 Blakely of "A Nightmare on Elm Street"
18 Famous New York cop Eddie
19 Preceding
20 Buckle
23 Method: Abbr.
24 Sympathetic attention
25 OB/— (certain doctor)
26 Front of a semi
28 James of "Gunsmoke"
31 Open-ceilinged rooms
33 Got 100 on, as a test
36 Expire
37 Pre-book book
38 Buckle
41 Prom queen props
42 Wonderland drink
43 Betting ratio
44 Photographer Adams
45 Window shade, e.g.
47 "Norma —"
48 Tell a whopper
50 Part of a balance
51 Everything
54 Buckle
57 — in-the-bone (deeply ingrained)
60 Intravenous infusions
61 Obtain, as vengeance
62 "You —?" (butler's question)
63 Pith
64 Small plant shoot
65 Sailor's cry
66 Model Macpherson
67 — voice

DOWN

- 1 School grades
2 It hurts
3 Part of a school grade, maybe
4 Guinness or Baldwin
5 Person who's it
6 Carte blanche
7 Spaghetti sauce brand
8 Shaggy apes
9 1975 #1 Barry Manilow hit
10 Late afternoon
11 Mountain near Zurich
12 N.Y.C. opera house, with "the"
13 Self
21 "The Blues Brothers" director John
22 Put into practice
23 Throng
24 Collisions
25 Idolize
26 Fistfight

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 ABOT 2 RAS 3 SEL
4 CORNS 5 ERATO 6 ANO
7 QUICKDRAW 8 MCGRAW
9 URGE 10 RUBS 11 CIRCE
12 TISH 13 HENS 14 HELOTS
15 TETRA 16 MAR 17 TET
18 ORACLES 19 BED
20 SWIFT 21 LAZAR
22 BUS 23 ORESTES
24 GAR 25 ARS 26 REELS
27 ADMIRE 28 FANO 29 DEO
30 FITTING 31 ELLIE 32 FITIN
33 FAST 34 EDDIE 35 FELISON
36 ENE 37 NIGER 38 MOORE
39 RDS 40 TRYST 41 TENET



Puzzle by Stephanie Spadaccini

- 32 Group of Girl Scouts, e.g.
33 Essence of roses
34 Canton's country
35 Rub out
37 Underwater experiment site
38 When repeated, a Washington city
39 shoemaker's job
40 Word of qualification
41 Not quite grammatical answer to "Who's there?"
42 Detached
43 Legal
44 Loosen one's hold
45 Stressed out
46 Russia's — Mountains
47 World's fair, for short
48 Bikini top
49 "Hooray!"
50 Musician Brian

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